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Sen. Laura Toy donates books to area elementary schools for 'March is Reading Month'

LANSING – State Sen. Laura M. Toy, 6th District, today announced that her office has donated books to elementary schools throughout Garden City, Livonia, Redford Township and Westland in celebration of “March is Reading Month.”

“Reading to our young people is so important,” said Sen. Toy, who also reads to students in local elementary schools throughout the month. “More than just expanding vocabularies, reading can expand minds.”

“Lighthouse Fireflies” tells the story of a young boy who realizes the true meaning of friendship and self-sacrifice through his flickering firefly friends. The author Anne Margaret Lewis and illustrator Mary Frey are both Michigan natives.

“This is a delightful story that I hope will quickly become a favorite in the school library,” Sen. Toy said. “I am happy to make it available to the children of the 6th district.”

Residents can watch for Sen. Toy’s cable program this month which features State Librarian Nancy Robertson and local author Gene Scott.

Each year, school children throughout Michigan celebrate “March is Reading Month.” The purpose is to highlight reading as a fun activity that children and parents can do together, while promoting literacy.

The books donated by Sen. Toy were not paid for at taxpayers’ expense.

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Editor’s Note: A cover shot of “Lighthouse Fireflies” is available at:
<http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/Toy/Toy.htm>